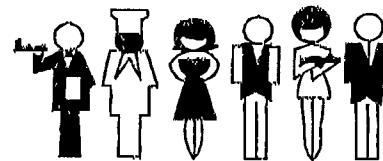


CULINARY WORKERS

UNION, LOCAL 226



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September 7, 2006

City of Las Vegas
Planning & Development Department
731 S. 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RE: SUP-15442 (the "Application")

Dear Planning Commission:

BF Trust has submitted an application for a special use permit for a proposed package liquor off-sale establishment at 519 E. St. Louis Ave. (the "Property"). The Property is directly south and east of St. Louis Square, Inc. The Sole shareholder of St. Louis Square, Inc. is the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union Welfare Fund, the medical trust fund for the Culinary Union. The Culinary Union opposes this Application.

The Culinary Union has concerns that the approval of the Application would discourage the ongoing revitalization of the area and also cause disruptions in the professional services that are provided at St. Louis Square, Inc. St. Louis Square houses both the administrative and customer service offices of the Culinary Health Fund. The Health Fund covers over 150,000 people in the Las Vegas area with medical, dental, prescription and optical insurance coverage. Our members and their families frequent the St. Louis Square location to take care of a wide range of health insurance issues in a professional environment. A pharmacy for Culinary Health Fund participants is also located across from the Property.

Based on the current use of St. Louis Square by our members and their families, we do not think that the type of use considered in the Application is appropriate for this area. Specifically, approval of this Application could increase loitering and disruptions that would create additional security concerns for our members and their families as they access the services provided by the Culinary Health Fund at St. Louis Square. The Culinary Union values that our members and their families are able to have access to important medical and professional services in a convenient downtown area. We do not want to see the inappropriate placement of a liquor store change the tone and security of this neighborhood.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

D. R. Taylor

D. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer

Protest

